

REMARKS

I. Amendments

Specification:

The specification has been amended to clarify that “icons or symbols” are being inserted so as to yield the new versions of the writings created by the present invention. The use of such icons is to be contrasted with the possible underlining (as in Lewis) of selected portions of the text of such writings.

The basis for this amendment is the fact that the applicant’s samples of such new versions of writings (as shown in his FIGS. 3-11) clearly contain symbols that are clearly defined as icons in the applicant’s FIGS. 2(a) – (d). Furthermore, the word “icon” has already been used extensively throughout the application.

Claims:

Claims 1-30 have been amended to substitute the word “icon” for “marking”.

II. Arguments For Claim Allowance

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the current claim amendments and any of the following discussion points, is respectfully requested.

Listed below are claimed elements of the present invention which are not disclosed in the Examiner’s cited prior art:

A. In Claim 1, 11 and 21: A New Version of said Electronic Writing that has Inserted Icons

Applicant notes that what the Examiner has previously tried to equate to the element listed above is Lewis’ FIG. 3G. However, a close examination of FIG. 3G shows that Lewis’ “new version of his writing” differs only from the original by the underlining of certain portions of its text – the underlining of text is certainly not equivalent to inserting an “icon.”

Applicant respectfully notes that the point being argued above is the same point that the applicant has always argued (beginning with his response to the initial, 8/12/04, office action in this matter). However, the applicant is now hopeful that the Examiner will see, with the benefit

of the change in terminology within his claims, the true merit of the applicant's arguments on this point.

B. In Claim 1, 11 and 21: The Inserted Icons are defined such that they Communicate Specific Punctuation, Capitalization, Italicization, Grammar, Etc. Information regarding the portion of the writing that is proximate the Inserted Icon

Applicant notes that Lewis' "underlining of text" by itself (as shown in his FIG. 3G) communicates no specific editorial information (as compared to the applicant's, for example, FIG. 3 with its inserted icons).

Applicant respectfully notes that he earlier (i.e., what the Examiner refers to as the applicant's January 10, 2007 filing; see page 10, beginning at line 4) argued this same point, but the Examiner in her April 3, 2007 response (i.e., current Final Office Action) failed to comment or reply to the applicant's arguments on this point.

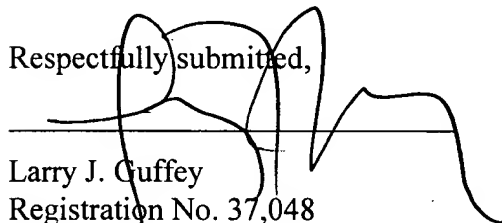
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these, after final, amendments and arguments. The applicant pleads that it only just that these matters be considered since: (1) when argument B was previously present, the Examiner did not give a response to it, and (2) the substitution of "icon" for "marking" is only being made so as to better help the Examiner understand the merits of the same argument that he has been making since the beginning of the prosecution of this application..

In view of the arguments presented herein, it is submitted that the Applicant's claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of amended claims 1- 6, 8-16, 18-26 and 28-30 are requested.

The Applicant hereby requests that the Examiner establish informal communications with the Applicant's Attorney for the purposes of advising the Attorney how best to further pursue the allowance of this application's claims.

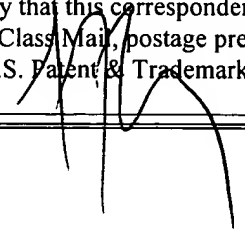
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